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FOR: DYE FIXING AGENT FOR WATER-COLOR INK, INK JET RECORDING  
MEDIUM AND POROUS HYDROTALCITE COMPOUND

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the subject application,  
please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are reflected in the  
paragraphs beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing  
of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/857,868, filed on June 12, 2001, which is a U.S. nationalization of International Application PCT/JP00/07190, filed October 17, 2000, which claims priority from Japanese Patent Applications 11-295751, filed October 18, 1999, 11-299735, Filed October 21, 1999, 11-326001, filed November 16, 1999, 2000-122005, filed April 24, 2000, and 2000-122006, filed April 24, 2000.